

REMARKS

Within the Office Action the claims 1-140 have been subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. The Applicants elect Sub-species II(A-J)2 for method of minimizing bonding by using a coating of thin film. The Applicants elect Sub-species II(A-J)2 without traverse, which includes Figures 7A, 7B, 8A-8C, 8D-8F, 9A, 9B, 10, and 15A-15C.

By way of the above amendment claims 47, 48, and 54-131 have been withdrawn without prejudice. In addition, new claims 141 and 142 have been added. Therefore, Claims 1-46, 49-53 and 132-142 are now pending in this application and Claims 1-46, 49-53 and 132-142 all read on the elected species.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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